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Do more to create employment opportunities for the youth

For Papua New Guinea (PNG) to achieve sustainable development, the country must be more inclusive, more integrated and more innovative to assist young people (youth) to earn an income by providing more employment opportunities.

The National Research Institute (NRI) **Spotlight Vol 15, Issue 13: Factors that restrict availability of job opportunities for the youth in Papua New Guinea** by PNG NRI Research Intern Julian Melpa, highlights the need for creating more jobs for the youth in PNG.

“The youth have the capability and potential to contribute effectively to move PNG towards achieving its desirable future. However, inadequate job opportunities is an obstacle for the young generation to build this nation” Julian Melpa said. As the population of young graduates increases annually, the need for securing formal jobs also increases.

Melpa reported that “creating employment opportunities for the youth in the country means; building more factories, supporting the youth to be more involved in the agriculture sector, engage unemployed youth in community services, and to provide opportunities to the youth to access loan for doing business”.

Limited job opportunities in PNG is believed to be a major reason behind some citizens remaining in poverty. Creating more job opportunities for the youth is the way forward to achieve developmental goals and in providing economic and political stabilities. Creating more employment opportunities in PNG can also assist its citizens to move out of poverty and improve their living standard.

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